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Recommendation to increase fees in universities

2923. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Knowledge Commission had recommended for increasing fees in universities by 20 per cent;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have accepted the said proposal of the Knowledge Commission; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The National Knowledge Commission (NKC) has recommended in its report on Higher Education, that fee should meet at least 20 per cent of the total expenditure in Universities and the fees should be adjusted every two years, through price indexation.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The recommendation of National Knowledge Commission are in the public domain for wider debate among all stakeholders.

History of Freedom Struggle in school curriculum

2924. PROF. P.J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to include History of Freedom Struggle as a compulsory subject in our school curriculum;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALIASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) The Social Science syllabi and textbooks—especially the History syllabi and textbooks of National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) already contain details of the History of our freedom struggle.